



# Lumpkin County, Georgia

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## Department: Animal Shelter

**Agenda Item:** Citation Issuance - Amend Designated County Employees

**Item Description:** Amend Lumpkin County Resolution N0. 2013 – 67 to authorize the issuance of citations by designated county employees, (Animal Shelter Manager and Animal Control Technician)

**Facts & Historical Information:** Lumpkin County's Animal Shelter began operations in FY 2004, but the Animal Control Officer has always been under the supervision of the Lumpkin County Sheriff's Department. The Animal Control Officer issues citations under the authority of the County Sheriff. As of January 2, 2017, the Lumpkin County Animal Shelter will acquire the position and the duties of Animal Control. Similar to how the Sheriff's Office Animal Control Officer has operated, in order for the Animal Shelter to manage this position and to perform the responsibilities of the position, both the Animal Shelter Animal Control Technician (primary) and the Animal Shelter Manager (backup) need to be designated as authorized to issue citations.

**Potential Courses of Action:**

- A) Approve amendment change, allowing the Animal Shelter Manager and the Animal Control Technician to issue citations.
- B) Choose not to allow citation authority.

**Compare and Contrast:** Animal Control does not typically issue a large number of citations each year; however, some level of authority must go along with the position in order to support the requirements of the county's animal control ordinance. Approving this amendment will allow that ability to go forward. Choosing not to allow citation authority would mean that there is no enforcement authority for county ordinances in association with this position.

**Budget Impact:** No impact to the budget.

**Staff Recommendation:** Approve Amendment change.  
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